



**1119<sup>th</sup> meeting of the  
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society  
7:30PM Wednesday July 22, 2009  
Building C, Fort Mason  
San Francisco, California**

**Tokens of Oakland, California**  
*Herb Miles*

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Please join us July 22, 2009 to hear Herb Miles tell us about the Tokens of Oakland, California

**1117<sup>th</sup> meeting, Models for 20<sup>th</sup> Century Coins** *Whalen*  
(reviewed by *Herb*)

Whalen devoted his talk and PowerPoint presentation to the five different women who posed for some of the United States most famous 20<sup>th</sup> century coins. Models for the Walking Liberty Half Dollar, "Mercury" or Winged Liberty Head Dime, Peace Dollar, and the Standing Liberty Twenty-five Cent are identified as follows.

Hettie Anderson, a native of South Carolina and an African-American, posed for Augustus St. Gaudens; her head and face used for his "Victory" statue and on the famous \$20 dollar gold piece (in much smaller detail) and on St. Gaudens' \$10 piece also!

Anderson was a professional model during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, a profession not well thought of by the general public at that time.

Mary Teresa de Francisci, wife of sculptor Anthony de Francisci, (both immigrants from Italy) is the model for the Peace dollar, minted from 1921-1928 & again in 1934-35. Although she was a beauty, the profile is not an exact portrait according to Anthony himself, but a representation of their adopted nation's vigor.

Elsie Kachel Stevens, wife of poet, attorney and insurance executive Wallace Stevens, is the model for A. A. Weinman's Winged Liberty Head dime and Walking Liberty Half Dollar. Wallace and Elsie were tenants in the same building as Weinman's studio and he encouraged Elsie to pose. His bust of her, which is now lost, shows a remarkable likeness to the finished "Mercury" Dime with her profile, long neck, and golden hair.

Finally, who is the model for Hermon MacNeil's Standing Liberty Quarter, Doris Doscher, a model, Broadway actress and singer or Irene MacDowell, another actress? We may never know as both claimed to be that honor. Doscher, a member of the Press Club of NY, probably had the most publicity as she



wrote a regular column on health & beauty for a New York City paper thus keeping her name and claim before the public.

However, MacDowell perhaps had an equal claim as she noted that her husband had been a tennis partner of MacNeil during 1916. More evidence is needed to clear up the mystery of which beauty posed!

### **BANQUET OF JUNE 20, 2009** (reviewed by *Herb*)

PCNS gathered at the Gold Mirror Restaurant in the Sunset District of San Francisco at noon on June 20 to eat, drink and be merry! We also played a mean game of *PCNS Bingo* with lots of winners and no disappointments whatsoever.

Attending were about 20 members and spouses, all bringing goodies for Bingo prizes. I must admit that my salmon was great and the entire meal was very tasty. Other dishes were veal, pasta, and chicken thus there were enough choices so everyone could have something to their liking.

Unfortunately, we still were not able to attract some of our long standing members although we had moved the event to the daytime for that very purpose.

Nevertheless, a great time was had by all and we shall attempt to do it again next year, perhaps as an evening event so more spouses and significant others might be able to attend!

### **September: Numismatic White Elephant Sale**

It is important that members bring NUMISMATIC ITEMS (books, tokens, coins, that no longer fit your collecting interests) to our September White Elephant Sale as this is a fund raiser to replenish the treasury. It has been about a decade or more since we had a White Elephant sale and it can be a very fun time for members and guests and can help replenish our Treasury which is slowly being depleted!

October: Stephen Huston; topic TBD

November: Annual Turkey Coin Celebration

December: Annual Xmas Party!

### May 2009 Exhibits

Catz exhibited an 1803 "Large Date" Large Fraction Cent and a 2007 coin from Mongolia featuring a wolverine, a Gulo Gulo!

Ken brought 4 months of exhibits, however, the vaunted Secretary being late to the meeting did not get all the items; one was a Key to San Francisco purchased from a Hong Kong auction. Ken, what were the others?

Federico brought a fake 8 reales with a lion countermark (supposed to be a Costa Rican countermark) and a slabbed 1892 10 centavo piece that is as nice as they come!

Whalen brought some interesting Washington 25 cent pieces showing the 3 distinct reverses; Types A, B & C, the differences show in the position and die work on eagle's feathers & arrows held by the eagle on the reverse.

Scott exhibited two additional magnificent slabbed pieces from Peru; a  $\frac{1}{4}$  real from Lima dated 1855 (NGC MS 62) and a  $\frac{1}{2}$  real, also dated 1855 & NGC MS 63, mint mark MB.

Steve brought a die of the Royal English Arms.

Herb showed off an early "charge card" from Greenville, California.